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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/22)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office is responsive to Applicant's amendment and response filed on 3-26-2010. Claims 3-5 are amended. Claims 1-2 and 6-9 are cancelled. Claim 10 is a new claim. Claims 3-5 and 10 are pending and currently under examination.

Rejections Withdrawn

2. In view of the Applicant's amendment and remark the following rejections are withdrawn.

- a) Rejection to claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gaffney et al 1984 Biochemistry Vol. 23 pgs. 5686-5691 is withdrawn in light of applicants' arguments.
- b) Rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaffney et al 1984 Biochemistry Vol. 23 pgs. 5686-5691 and Krieg et al WO/1998/018810 Date May 7, 1998 is withdrawn in light of applicants' arguments.

New Grounds of Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

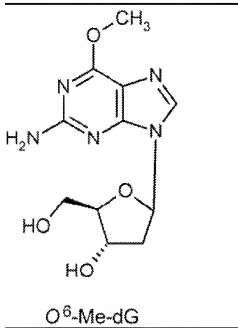
3. Claims 3-5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This is a new matter rejection.

There is no apparent support for this limitation in the specification as originally filed. Applicant points to page 6 of the specification as providing support for said limitation. However the structure in the specification (see pg. 6 and below as "Structure B" is not "6-O-methyl-2'-deoxyguanosine" (see structures below). There is no 6-O-

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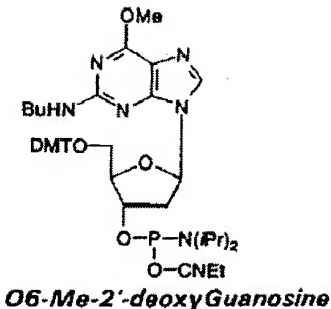
methyl-2'-deoxyguanosine structure provided in the specification. Therefore, it is apparent, that Applicants were not in possession of the claimed inhibitor at the time of filing. Consequently, the limitation "6-O-methyl-2'-deoxyguanine" constitutes new matter. Applicants pointing to the specification by page and line number where specific written description for the said recitation "6-O-methyl-2'-deoxyguanosine" can be found may resolve this issue.

Structure A (provided by Churchwell et al 2006 Journal of Chromatography pgs. 60-66)



Structure B (provided on pg. 6 in the specification)

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Conclusion

4. No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nina A. Archie whose telephone number is 571-272-9938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, Robert Mondesi can be reached on 571-272-0956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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